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Romans 7:23-25

“Serving Two Laws?”

²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

**²⁵ I thank God through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
So then with the mind
myself serve the law
of God; but with the
flesh the law of sin.**

*[Compare with Psalm
51:5: Behold, I was
shapen in iniquity; and
in sin did my mother
conceive me.]*

**Is “the law of sin”
a license to sin?**

Since sin is built within humans, should we just go ahead and embrace it—just yield to it and cater to it?

God forbid.

Paul did say that he serves, “the law of sin” with his flesh, didn’t he? So why shouldn’t we serve the law of sin with our flesh while serving

the law of God with our minds just as Paul did?

There is a battle in one's flesh-like urges or carnal desires which go against the Holy God. Godly persons may find themselves in a struggle but for them, it's just that— a **struggle**, **but not a yielding** to the failures.

The yielding is,
instead, to God so that
God might correct
such failures.

Had Paul been
suggesting to just give
up the fight against sin
and just accept sin while
happily thinking about
God, nothing else in
Scripture would have any
validity. Nothing either
Paul nor anyone else

said about holiness
or godliness would
mean anything
at all.

Coming away with such
faulty conclusion as to
willfully sin *because it's
already there anyway* is
what happens when only
a small part of Scripture
is read and that part
seems to say what a
person wants to hear.

So they take that part only, and run with it. They ignore anything that may contradict that error-laden and dangerous interpretation.

Some behave as if, in the same passage, the same man never exclaimed that the battle made him feel “wretched”. That’s miserable and shameful.

He felt as if he was locked in a body of, “this death”.

So, no. Catering to the flesh is not what this verse (or any other) instructs. It says the complete opposite, and a true seeker will dig deeper to comprehend the scriptural meaning of serving two laws.